Expansion of NTPC power plant at Farakka

2163. SHRIDIPANKARMUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the expansion programme of NTPC's existing power plant at Farakka;

(b) whether any new unit is being added; and

(c) if so, the details of the same alongwith project schedule and tentative year of commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has envisaged to expand its existing Farakka Super Thermal Power Project (FSTPP) of 1600 Mega Watt (MW) (State-1:3 X 200 MW, Stage-ll: 2 X 500 MW) located in District Murshidabad
of West Bengal by adding another 500 MW as a State-Ill expansion programme.

Actions have already been initiated for conducting the requisite site specific studies and investigation for preparation of Feasibility Report for Farakka STPP Stage-Ill. Availability of Coal and Water are the key inputs to be tied up for taking up State-Ill expansion of Farakka STPP The project has been scheduled for Eleventh plan period.

Integrated energy policy

2164. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group on energy policy has met for first time in August, 2004 to discuss formulation of an integrated energy policy for the country; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to formulate an integrated energy policy which is needed at present?